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Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Falls of the Ohio State Park
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Falls of the Ohio exhibit explores the rise of land plants

Temporary exhibit *Green Planet: The History of Plants*

Now through November 29, 2009

Presented in partnership with Indiana University Southeast Department of Biology, this exhibit focuses on the rise and evolution of land plants in the fossil record. When did land plants first appear? How have they changed? When were the first trees? When were the first seeds and flowers? Which plants created the coal beds? What evidence exists for insects eating and pollinating plants? These questions and others will be answered utilizing exceptional fossils, illustrations and informative text.

This exhibit was developed by paleo-botanist Dr. David W. Taylor, Professor and Head of Biology, Indiana University Southeast. He will speak to the public on the history of land plants at the Falls Fossil Festival on Sept. 19 at 4:30 pm.

This exhibit is free with paid admission to the Interpretive Center. Admission Monday - Thursday is \$4 for age 19 and over, \$1 age 2 - 18 and under 2 is free. Friday – Sunday \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. The Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information about this exhibit at the Falls of the Ohio State Park, call Alan Goldstein at 812-280-9970 or e-mail him at agoldstein@dnr.in.gov. Digital photos are available via e-mail.